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CATTLE ON FEED

On December 1, 2001, Arizona had 303,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 2 percent from a year ago and up 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 31,000 head, 21 percent below November 2000. During November, 27,000 head were marketed, 3,000 less than last November.

On December 1, 2001, California had 490,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 9 percent from last year and 4 percent from last month. Placements totaled 70,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. During November, 45,000 head were marketed, down 4,000 head from last year and down 5,000 head from last month.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on December 1, 2001. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2000, but 1 percent above December 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.91 million, 5 percent below 2000 and 12 percent below 1999. Net placements were 1.83 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 655,000, 600-699 pounds were 588,000, 700-799 pounds were 381,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 284,000. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2000 and 1,000 head below 1999. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during November, 24 percent below 2000 and 4 percent below 1999.

Cattle on feed December 1, 2001, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million, down slightly from the previous year, but 2 percent above December 1, 1999. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.58 million, 6 percent below 2000 and 13 percent below 1999. Marketings during November totaled 1.54 million, 2 percent below 2000, but 1 percent above 1999. Other disappearance during November was 68,000 head, 24 percent below 2000, but 10 percent above 1999.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS) NOVEMBER 1, 2001 AND DECEMBER 1, 2000 AND 2001, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE NOVEMBER 2000 AND 2001 BY STATE, UNITED STATES, AND HISTORIC 7 STATES

STATE 1/	Number on Feed 2/					Placements			Marketings			Other Disappearance		
	Dec 1, 2001					During November			During November			During November 3/		
	Dec 1, 2000	Nov 1, 2001	Number	as % of 2000	as % of Nov	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000	2000	2001	2001 as % of 2000
	1,000 Head			Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
*AZ	298	301	303	102	101	39	31	79	30	27	90	3	2	67
*CA	450	470	490	109	104	69	70	101	49	45	92	10	5	50
*CO	1,230	1,170	1,160	94	99	180	175	97	190	180	95	10	5	50
ID	325	330	340	105	103	64	74	116	62	61	98	2	3	150
*IA	395	340	350	89	103	70	75	107	54	64	119	1	1	100
*KS	2,460	2,670	2,640	107	99	470	410	87	400	420	105	30	20	67
*NE	2,410	2,200	2,270	94	103	410	390	95	365	305	84	15	15	100
NM	113	108	108	96	100	20	15	75	14	14	100	2	1	50
OK	415	395	385	93	97	70	59	84	60	66	110	5	3	60
SD	200	171	195	98	114	47	53	113	26	29	112	1	0	
*TX	2,970	3,080	2,990	101	97	440	430	98	480	500	104	20	20	100
WA	247	258	260	105	101	53	48	91	47	45	96	2	1	50
Other														
Sts	435	370	400	92	108	82	78	95	48	44	92	4	4	100
US	11,948	11,863	11,891	100	100	2,014	1,908	95	1,825	1,800	99	105	80	76

1/ States indicated with an asterisk are the historic seven states preparing monthly estimates of cattle on feed.

2/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

3/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for Arizona totaled 35.5 million pounds during November. This production was up 2.5 million pounds or 8 percent from the previous year's total of 33.0 million pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.97 billion pounds in November, up 1 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in November 2000 and a new record high for November. November 2000 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 2001 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year and a new record high for November. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from November 2000. The average live weight was up 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,255 pounds.

Veal production totaled 16 million pounds, a new record low for November and 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 87,000 head, down 6 percent from November 2000. The average live weight was 12 pounds below last year, at 309 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.73 billion pounds, a new record high for November and up 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.72 million head, slightly below November 2000. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 269 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 20 million pounds, was down 3 percent from November 2000. Sheep slaughter totaled 287,000 head, 3 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

January - November red meat production was 41.8 billion pounds, 2 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 3 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: ARIZONA AND U.S. 1/

CLASS	November 2000	October 2001	November 2001	November 2001 as % of 2/	
				November 2000	October 2001
		1,000 Lbs			Percent
ARIZONA 3/					
Total Red Meat	33,000	37,200	35,500	108	96
UNITED STATES		Million Lbs			Percent
Beef	2,169	2,388	2,201	101	92
Veal	18	18	16	90	91
Pork	1,714	1,838	1,733	101	94
Lamb and Mutton	20	20	20	97	100
Total Red Meat	3,921	4,263	3,969	101	93

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER: ARIZONA, NOVEMBER 2001 AND U.S., JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2001 1/

SPECIES	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
	November			January-November		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight 2/	Number Slaughtered	Total Dressed Weight 3/	Average Live Weight 2/
	1,000 Head	1,000 Lbs	Lbs	1,000 Head	Million Lbs	Lbs
Cattle	46.4	59,817	1,289	32,584.4	23,991	1,218
Calves 4/				921.1	178	321
Hogs	0.3	62	240	89,523.5	17,467	264
Sheep	0.1	5	92	2,936.5	204	140

1/ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Average liveweights based on unrounded data.

3/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

4/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations, but included in U.S. total.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 0.4 percent from November 2000. October revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was down 0.7 percent from October 2000. The October revision represented a decrease of 0.4 percent or 53 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,480 pounds for November, 21 pounds above November 2000.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.73 million head, 78,000 head less than November 2000, but 8000 head more than October 2001.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY STATE, NOVEMBER 2000-2001

STATE	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	Percent change from 2000
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	140	140	1,550	1,650	217	231	6.5
CA	1,550	1,611	1,670	1,690	2,589	2,723	5.2
FL	156	152	1,200	1,185	187	180	-3.7
ID	354	369	1,670	1,720	591	635	7.4
IL	118	115	1,390	1,375	164	158	-3.7
IN	148	155	1,320	1,345	195	208	6.7
IA	215	206	1,450	1,485	312	306	-1.9
KY	131	125	1,010	1,015	132	127	-3.8
MI	299	299	1,540	1,525	460	456	-0.9
MN	525	500	1,405	1,380	738	690	-6.5
MO	151	141	1,170	1,080	177	152	-14.1
NM	261	278	1,580	1,675	412	466	13.1
NY	673	670	1,375	1,440	925	965	4.3
OH	264	256	1,325	1,360	350	348	-0.6
PA	616	596	1,425	1,460	878	870	-0.9
TX	345	316	1,225	1,235	423	390	-7.8
VT	158	153	1,380	1,395	218	213	-2.3
VA	119	118	1,270	1,270	151	150	-0.7
WA	248	247	1,765	1,780	438	440	0.5
WI	1,334	1,280	1,370	1,350	1,828	1,728	-5.5
20-State Total	7,805	7,727	1,459	1,480	11,385	11,436	0.4

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UNCHANGED FROM LAST MONTH, BUT SIX POINTS BELOW LAST YEAR

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December was 93, based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from the November index. Higher prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and strawberries offset lower prices for milk, broilers, turkeys, and eggs. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also effects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of tobacco, wheat, milk, and oranges offset lower marketings of cattle, grapes, soybeans, and corn.

Compared with last year the current All Farm Products Index was six points (6.1 percent) lower. Price decreases from December 2000 for cotton (lowest December price since 1973), cattle, eggs, and soybeans more than offset increases in milk, broilers, oranges, and lettuce.

PRICES PAID INDEX UNCHANGED FROM LAST MONTH AND LAST YEAR

The December Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) was 122 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from last month and December 2000. Lower prices in December for diesel fuel, nitrogen, hay and forages, complete feeds and gasoline offset higher prices for herbicides, feeder cattle, feeder pigs, feed grains, and trucks in the index.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS: ARIZONA AND U.S., DECEMBER 2000 AND 2001 AND NOVEMBER 2001

COMMODITY	UNIT	ARIZONA			UNITED STATES		
		December 2000 Entire Month	November 2001 Entire Month	December 2001 Mid-Month	December 2000 Entire Month	November 2001 Entire Month	December 2001 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton 1/	¢ Lb	57.5	2/	2/	58.0	29.5	29.8
Cottonseed	\$ Ton	127.00	128.00	127.00	110.00	91.00	91.00
All Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.87	2.88	2.89
Durum Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	3.03	3.08	3.13
Winter Wheat 3/	\$ Cwt	---	---	---	2.76	2.81	2.84
All Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	93.00	96.00	85.10	97.10	93.70
Alfalfa Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	90.00	93.00	96.00	91.00	106.00	102.00
Other Hay Baled 4/	\$ Ton	89.00	89.00	93.00	70.40	74.10	73.00
Grapefruit 5/	\$ Box	13.10	3/	13.40	13.50	15.30	14.20
Oranges 5/	\$ Box	16.60	23.00	25.10	15.30	20.40	19.70
Lemons 5/	\$ Box	20.20	34.20	30.70	20.70	34.90	31.90
Tangerines 5/	\$ Box	26.10	19.90	24.80	21.90	23.90	24.60
Cows 6/	\$ Cwt	33.40	35.90	36.20	36.50	35.80	35.60
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	73.90	65.50	65.50	76.80	67.80	68.30
Beef Cattle 7/	\$ Cwt	72.70	65.20	65.20	71.90	63.90	64.20
Calves	\$ Cwt	104.00	95.20	96.00	106.00	96.40	100.00
All Milk 8/	\$ Cwt	12.70	14.20	13.10	13.10	14.40	13.60

1/ Includes both spot and contract sales.

2/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Not available for Arizona.

4/ Mid-month.

5/ F.O.B. packed fresh Arizona box weights: Grapefruit 67 lbs., Oranges 75 lbs., Lemons 76 lbs., Tangerines 75 lbs.

6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

7/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

8/ Preliminary; before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

U.S. PRICE INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

INDEX 1990-92 = 100	2000		2001	
	November	December	November	December
Prices Received	98	99	93	93
Prices Paid	121	122	122	122
Ratio 1/	81	81	76	76

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.